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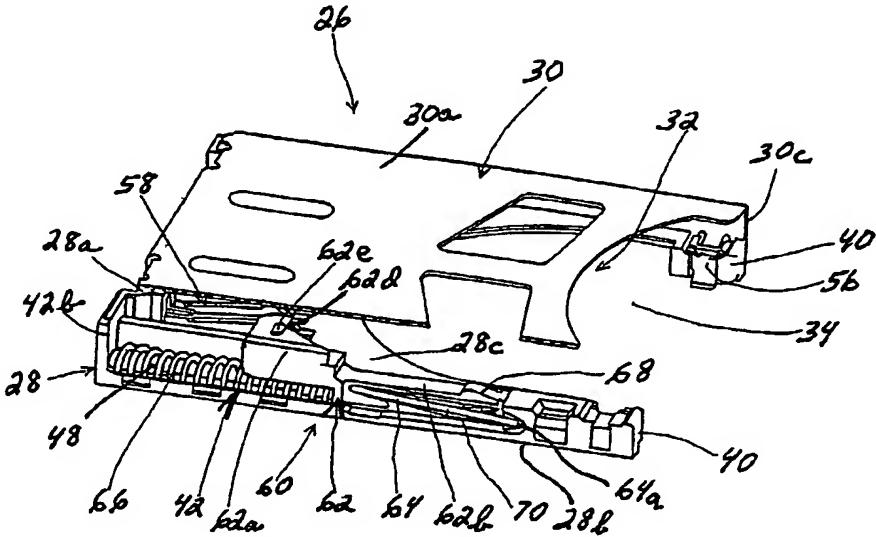
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(57) Abstract: A memory card connector includes an insulative housing having a rear terminal-mounting section which mounts a plurality of terminals having contact portions for engaging appropriate contacts on a memory card. A metal shell is mounted on the housing and combines therewith to define an interior card-receiving cavity formed by a top plate and opposite side plates of the metal shell. The cavity has a front insertion opening to permit insertion and withdrawal of the memory card into and out of the connector. The terminal-mounting section of the housing is located at the rear of the cavity. A card ejector mechanism is located at least partially beneath the cavity adjacent one side thereof, whereby the opposite side plates of the metal shell define the opposite sides of the cavity.



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A memory card connector comprising a metall shell formed by a top plate and opposite side plates, an ejector mechanism including a card-slider movable with the card and having a cam slot , one of the side plates of the metal shell includes a spring member for biasing a cam follower pin into the cam slot.

2. claims: 6-16

A memory card connector comprising a metall shell formed by a top plate and opposite side plates, an ejector mechanism including a card-slider movable with the card and having a locking arm that swings up and down into and out of engagement with a locking recess in the overlaying memory card, the metal shell includes a spring member to bias the locking arm into engagement with the recess in the overlaying memory card.

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